

# News Release

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### STATEMENT OF THE FACULTY OF GARRETT-EVANGELICAL

#### SEMINARY CONCERNING THE PROPOSED NAZI MARCH IN SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

April 20, 1978 -Evanston, IL: Discussion of the proposed Nazi march in Skokie, Illinois, has for too long focused on the civil libertarian question of the Nazis' legal right to march, without consideration of their social and moral message.

The American Nazi Party represents attitudes antithetical to the American civil libertarian principles under whose legal umbrella they claim their rights. Their racism is an assault on all humanity, directed particularly at American Jews, blacks, and others of non-Caucasian descent.

The Nazis' demand to march in Skokie has no purpose other than the exploitation of the town's Jewish population, many of whom bear personal scars from World War II Nazi camps, in order to create publicity for their own cause. It is a march devoid of positive social purpose.

As Christians, we call on the Christian community to stand in solidarity with our Jewish fellow citizens in this trial. We urge Christians in the area to find appropriate public gestures to express this solidarity with the Jewish community of Skokie and our repugnance toward the Nazi message.

Passed unanimously by the faculty of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, at their faculty meeting on April 17, 1978.